(ङ) क्या अनधिकृत निर्माण को रोकने के लिए पुलिस को भी कुछ शक्तियां प्रदान की गई हैं; यदि हां, तो नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका के गोल मार्किट क्षेत्र में उद्यान मार्ग पर अनेक झुग्गियां बन जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Advertisement to the Newspapers

2925. SHR RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raview the procedure with regard to the issue of advertisements to the newspapers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) and (b) Les, Sir. Keeping in view the complaints memoranda received regarding low share of small and medium newspapers, the problem envisaged a fresh look by the Government.

Production of Children's Films

2926. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATON AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of children's films prduced in the country during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987;

(b) what is the number of feature films produced during the same period; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of children's films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No statistics about production of films in the private sector is available. However the Central Board of Film Certification certified 912 feature films in 1985, 840 feature films in 1986 and 653 feature films in 1987 (upto 31st October). Out of these, the number of films certified as children's films were 11, 3 and 5 respectively. During the same period the number of Children's short films certified were 2, 4 and 4 out of a total of 1533, 1428 and 1267 respectively.

(c) The Children's Film Sociecty of India was established in 1953 inter-alia to promote and encourage children's film movement and to produce films in different Indian - languages. It receives grant-in-aid and plan support for its various schemes from this Ministry. Besides, it also imports films and dubs them in various Indian languages.

The Government has also enhanced the rates for payment of telecast of children's films with effect from 20-7-1987. The Government has been persuading State Governments to provide exemption from entertainment tax, on the shows of children's films which are certified as children's films by the Central Board of Film Certification. Some State Governments have issued such exemption orders.

Shortage of Seeds

2927. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there has been shortage of good quality seeds in the country; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The seed requirement for Rabi, 1987-88 was assessed with the officials of the State Governments/Union Territories in the Zonal Seed Conferences in August/September, 1987 and it was observed that there would be shortage of seeds of wheat, maize, Jowar barley, pulses, oilseeds, fibres and potato. The wheat seed production was adversely affected mainly due to untimely rains at the time of Harvesting during the current year in the major wheat seed producing States like Punjab, Haryana and Western U.P. Shortage of seed in other crops is due to higher demand for Rabi due to drought conditions in most of the States during Kharif, 1987. Barring Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir, other States had made their own arrangements for the timely supply of seeds of various crops including wheat. The Government of Bihar and Jammu and Kashmir requested the Government of India to make arrangements for the supply of additional quantity of 3 lakh quintals and one lakh quintals of wheat seeds respectively. The Jammu and Kashmir Government later on revised their demand to 90,000 quintals. For this purpose, the Government of India under a special operation has entrusted National Seeds Corporation the responsibility of supplying uncertified wheat seed to both the States after procuring the quality grains from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns. The grains procured from FCI godowns were duly tested for germination and disease-incidence. The operation of supplying seeds to Bihar and Jammu and Kashmir was completed in record time and both the State Governments have expressed their gratitude and happiness.

Benefits for Press Canteen at Government of India Press, Minto Road

2928. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will tha Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Canteen at the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi, is a statutory canteen;

(b) if so, whether the Minto Road Press Canten Employeeg are entitled to the benefits of Leave, Bonus, Provident Fund, Uniforms, Medical Facilities etc as are being enjoyed by other statutory canteen employees jn Railways; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The employees of the Press Canteen work under the control of the Canteen Management Committee. They are not treated as Govt, employees and are paid out of office contingencies. They are allowed 12 days C/L in a calendar year. Since they are not treated as Govt, employees the benefits of E/L, Bonus, Provident Fund, uniforrn, Medical facilities are not being allowed to them.

In this connection the employees of the Govt, of India Press Minto Road and the Govt, of India Press Ring Road had filed a Writ Petition in Supreme Court. The decision of which has not yet been received. Staff side of the Departmental Council (JCM) of the Ministry of Urban Development also raised this question. As per decision of the Chairman of the Council a Committee has been appointed to consider the question of treating the employees of the Canteen as Government servants.

Shortage of Maize in Poultry Sector

2929. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating some immediate action to save the poultry sector which i*s* facing acute shortage of maize and other poultry feed ingredients;